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## Thirty-two Years Later, Palau Retires, Looks to Her Future

by Melissa Sites

If Beverly Palau were writing this story, it would have a hundred photos showing the subject moving around the city. An accompanying video would interview someone, like this reporter, explaining how the subject's work communicating the life of the city helped encourage more people to have a life in the city. And the press release would highlight what is to come as well as what is past.

Palau, the City of Greenbelt public information and communications coordinator, has retired after 32 years. No more will she post pictures on the city's webpage or Facebook pages. No longer will she be the go-to person for questions about what part of the city does what. Soon there will be a new person in those roles, but Palau is moving on.

Palau grew up in College Park in the Calvert Hills neighborhood, surrounded by cousins. "We were not raised as typical



PHOTO BY JENNIFER STERLING

Beverly Palau is in a cheerful mood prior to her retirement.

Hispanic women," she said, recalling how her father encouraged her love of sports.

Palau's father was head of Spanish/Portuguese at the Library of Congress. Palau recalled, "My father and aunt and uncle all grew up in Cuba. When my father was 10, they moved to Puerto Rico. My mom lived in Ponce.

My mother's father was a doctor, [whose] office building was taken over and is now a museum." As a filmmaker, Palau dreams of visiting Ponce to film the famous square where her parents spent time, to add it to the interviews she filmed of her parents before her father died in 2017.

Palau's aunt, Graciela Palau de Nemes, moved to College Park to work with the University of Maryland foreign language program, where she met Juan Ramon Jimenez, a Spanish poet who became her mentor. As a translator and critic of Jimenez's work, Dr. Nemes nominated him for the Nobel Prize, which he won. A building on campus is named after Jimenez, thanks again to Palau's aunt.

Palau studied radio, television and film at the University of Maryland. The degree, Palau said, was "equivalent to

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## Creative Kids Camp Opens Both In-person and Virtual

by Melissa Signorini



PHOTO BY MELISSA SIGNORINI

Creative Kids Camp campers Emilia Loo and Leonora Gaschick appreciate the shade afforded by the trees on the Community Center front lawn.

"Unlimited positive energy" is how Creative Kids Camp starts off the summer every year. That is the camp's motto, according to Performing Arts Coordinator Chris Cherry. The camp joins six others being run by Greenbelt Recreation this year. "There's a real theme of community in the camp," said Cherry, who is back with the program for his 23rd summer. "It's a place where the kids really feel accepted for who they are and where they can ex-

plore their creativity," he added.

The camp is in the second week of its first session. A total of four sessions will run for two weeks at a time each at the Community Center. The camp runs inperson Monday through Friday for two hours in the morning, and then moves online in the afternoon from the campers' own homes. Campers get to participate in visual arts, drama,

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## Local Birders Again Take Part In Continent-wide Bird Survey

by Deanna Dawson

It was inching toward 4 a.m. on Sunday, June 13, and this reporter and Elaine Nakash were scrambling to get on the road. The two News Review staffers were heading to Carroll County, Maryland, to conduct a Breeding Bird Survey (BBS), which tracks the status and trends of North American bird populations. The BBS was developed and launched in

fore sunrise. They knew the routine, having done another route in Carroll County the previous Sunday morning.

The routes are part of the North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS), which tracks the status and trends of North American bird populations. The BBS was developed and launched in

1966 by the late Chandler Robbins, a noted ornithologist and Dawson's longtime colleague at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, where the program is

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### Fourth of July Fireworks!

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbelt-newsreview.com](http://www.greenbelt-newsreview.com).*

Fireworks for the Fourth of July will take place at about 9 p.m. on Sunday at Buddy Attick Park. No entertainment will precede the fireworks display. Attendees are strongly encouraged to wear masks and socially distance, especially unvaccinated individuals.

### What Goes On

**Sunday, July 4**  
9 p.m. Independence Day Fireworks

**Wednesday, July 7**  
8 p.m. Council Worksession: Greenbelt Museum

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All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltdmd.gov](http://greenbeltdmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



PHOTO COURTESY ELAINE NAKASH

Elaine Nakash, left, and Deanna Dawson observe birds at stop 50 of the Bachmill Mill BBS route in northeastern Carroll County. Finished until next year!

## Greenbelt's North End Began As Military Housing in WWII

by Julie Rapp



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT MUSEUM

Brand new defense housing in 1941

Stephen Oetken, a longtime resident of Greenbelt, is a docent with the Greenbelt Museum, a member of the board of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and holds a master's degree in historic preservation. After living in the North End of Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) area of Greenbelt, Oetken became interested in the history of the neighborhood, telling the News Review, "I would walk around the area and become fascinated with what I would see, prompting me to begin my research."

Oetken, who conducts walking tours of the North End and is a North End expert, stated, "We have two different neighborhoods with two different types of housing," in an online lecture presented by the Greenbelt Museum on June 17. Oetken has done extensive research using multiple online resources as well as the News Review archives to unearth the history surrounding this area and its early beginnings.

Oetken began by reviewing the early history of the original

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Letters to the Editor

Salutes Scout Stewards

I was happy to see the front-page story on Raina Dirksen’s Eagle Scout project to build and set up bee hotels and birdhouses throughout Greenbelt. My own Eagle project was to put a blue-bird house system in a local botanical garden near my hometown, so it’s great to see the tradition being carried on. This is also an important lesson on how we can support the next generation in becoming the stewards of our land and public spaces. By trusting them to be the leaders in community development projects throughout the city, we ensure that Greenbelt will have a true connection with its residents in the coming years.

Vijay Parameshwaran

A Cat Story?

For four weeks now I have read, under City Notes, cryptic accounts of 60 to 103 cats being impounded from a single residence.

As one with a long-term interest in cats and cat care (you may remember Ms. DeLuca Cat who was popular around Town Center because of being a petable shoulder rider and a leash walker), I am wondering:

- 1. Are all of these reports involving the same human and feline occupants of one residence?
- 2. What were the agenda(s) of the human(s)?
- 3. What were the agendas of the cats?
- 4. Were all of these cats alive when impounded?
- 5. Did it appear that, at the time impounded, the cats had had reasonably good care?
- 6. Was it apparent that these cats would have fared better/worse were they to have been taken to the Prince George’s County Animal Shelter?
- 7. Where are these cats now? Surely there would not have been space for them at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter.

I think that a story could be written up sketchily without excessive invasion of privacy, and in such a manner that all persons interested in cats, feeding feral cats, living with cats and hating cats could benefit.

Bill Norwood

Editorial Is Insightful

Thank you so very much for the very insightful editorial in the June 24 issue of the News Review.

As the editorial noted, this year’s budget process was inefficient and many councilmembers did not work well to see that the budget was passed by the deadline of June 10.

Thank you once again for demonstrating how a free press can preserve and protect our first amendment rights to freedom of religion, speech and the press, rights of assembly and petition.

Leta and Darrell Mach

Climate Emergency

Hats off, again, to our wonderful mayor for his climate emergency resolution. It’s been clear to me for some time that there is a climate emergency, the heavy rains in the spring being just one example. For my part I double mask as often as possible to reduce my own CO2 emissions. Let’s work together to end this emergency and the scourge of CO2.

Trudy Croyeur

Postal Procrastination Yet another:

May’s Capital-M, announcing community events in which I might want to participate during that month, arrived on June 24. Normally, the Cap-M arrives around a week before the end of the previous month.

David Shapiro

When is Enough, Enough?

There is an answer: NOW! Spring brought a serious problem to our attention: the disappearance of birds and their young. The winged visitors that have populated my yard since I moved here 30+ years ago, that filled the place with birdsong, are practically nonexistent. This reminds me of the book Silent Spring (1962) that alerted us with its message, warning of a chemical apocalypse that endangered bald eagle existence. It triggered the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970.

There is also a noticeable decline

in other wildlife wanderers ... rabbits and raccoons, opossums, frogs and toads, beneficial pollinators (insects, bees, bats and butterflies) that originally attracted me to move here. A wildlife researcher would say their disappearance warrants further investigation – beyond more chemical controls that wildlife doesn’t have time to develop stronger immunity toward. I agree.

Let the weeds grow (especially milkweed for the monarch butterflies) to do what they do best: nourish the wild ones with seeds and insects, nectar, berries and more.

Jean E. Newcomb

Kudos for New Deal Negotiating Team

In our article published in the June 24 issue on the historic collaboration between the New Deal Café and Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (Co-op), we inadvertently failed to acknowledge the hard work of the Café’s negotiating team. Former Café board member Aileen Kroll, who led the team, former Café Audit Committee member Carla Monardes and current board member Dorian Winterfeld worked tirelessly in negotiating the final contract elements with Dan Gillotte, general manager of the Co-op. Each brought a unique perspective to the negotiating team. Winterfeld, as treasurer of the Café, made sure we were on firm financial footing and Monardes provided first-hand experience and an intimate knowledge of our members’ desires as one of the Café’s most experienced bartenders. Kroll, as our legal advisor, played a critical role in helping the board clearly articulate its thoughts and ideas about the contract and what it should include, and spent countless hours shaping the final contract elements so that both the Café and the Co-op would have a clear understanding of our individual roles and responsibilities, and thus lay the foundation for a smooth and successful relationship going forward. On behalf of the New Deal Café Board, Audit Committee, Music Coordinator and all of our members we want to thank the Café’s negotiating team for their excellent work.

Michael Hartman

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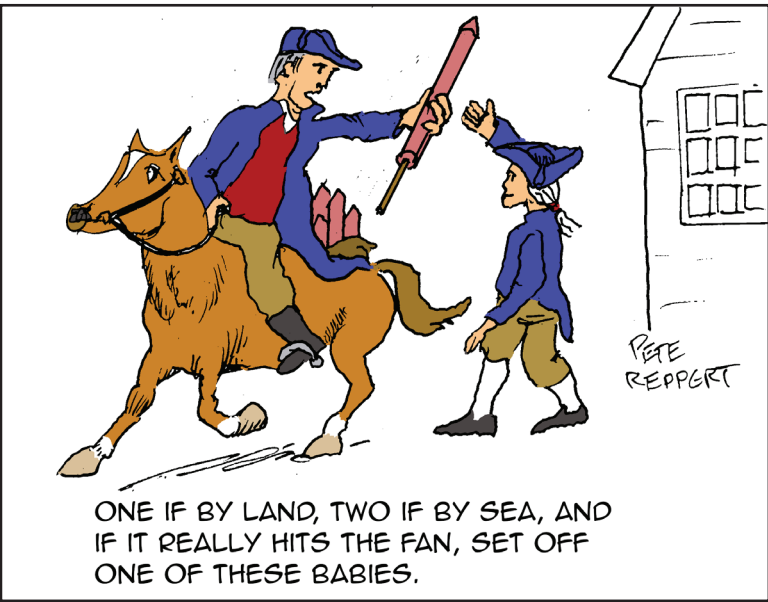


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**UMD Reporter**

Melissa Signorini, a Maryland journalism major soon to graduate, is an intern writing for the News Review.

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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

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Birdsong Translated by Jean Newcomb



# Community Events

## Monday Matinees Start at OGT in July

Old Greenbelt Theatre is back with Monday Matinees. There will be two screenings every Monday throughout July; showtimes are at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The movie lineup is as follows: July 5, Rear Window; July 12, It Happened One Night; July 19, Father of the Bride; and July 26, Shadow of a Doubt.

Shows will have a limited capacity of 50 people per screening. Tickets are free. They can be picked up at the theater on Thursday, July 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. and Friday, July 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.

## A Bit More Peace

In a world where many of us often attempt to do more, do it better and do it more quickly, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has quietly offered summer guided meditation classes to Greenbelters for the past six years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting that is welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom and anyone can attend from the comfort of one’s own home.

Class sizes have ranged from eight to 19 people, from teenagers to senior citizens. All attendees have expressed a desire to quiet their bodies, minds and spirits and to deepen inner stillness while improving their ability to reconnect with themselves. Class participants have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed and mindful, both during and between classes. Many individuals have experienced a greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

A difference has been made in many people’s lives when utilizing meditation practices that teach one to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace. Summer classes started Monday, June 21 and will continue from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. every other Monday through September 13. For more information email Katrina Boverman at [Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com](mailto:Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com) or call her at 301-641-1035.

## Cicada Mania Crowns Labor Day Photo Show

After 17 years, the Cicada Mania category is returning to the 2021 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Photo Show.

While the nonprofit Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is currently trying to determine what activities will be a part of the Festival this year, the Photo Show will definitely be happening, even if it ends up being only online again. Look for updates about the 2021 Festival with details on how to enter.

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## At the Library

All library branches will be closed Sunday and Monday, July 4 and 5, to celebrate the Independence Day holiday.

The library is now open to the public, with hours Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sidewalk service for held books is available outside the upper-level entrance. Study rooms are open but meeting rooms remain closed.

Appointments for one hour of computer use can be made up to seven days in advance at [pgcmpls.info/reopening](mailto:pgcmpls.info/reopening) or 240-455-5451; some computers may be available with no appointments. The library is not accepting book donations for the foreseeable future but has a third-party book donation bin outside the lower-level entrance.

### These Books Made Me

The library has launched the podcast: These Books Made Me, exploring the literary heroines who shaped the podcasters. In the debut episode, they discuss Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh. Harriet captivated her readers for generations but looking back, was Harriet a good role model? Or even a good person? Visit the podcast blog at [pgcmpls.medium.com](https://pgcmpls.medium.com).

### Mobile Printing, Hotspots

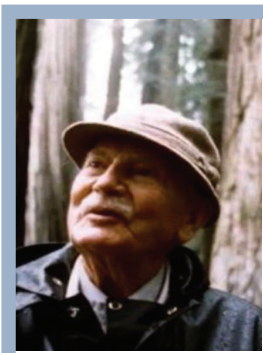
The Greenbelt Library now offers mobile printing to the public. The first 10 black and white pages are free. More information is available at [pgcmpls.info/mobile-printing](mailto:pgcmpls.info/mobile-printing).

Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Adults ages 18 and older with library cards in good standing may request a SmartSpot through the curbside booking form. One device per household may be borrowed.


### Summer Reading

The Washington Nationals and Prince George’s County Memorial Library System are partnering for a second year on “Summer @ Your Library,” Prince George’s County’s summer reading and library engagement program. The 2021 theme is Tails and Tales and it will be offered in English and Spanish for all ages. This year’s program runs through Friday, August 20 and will be primarily offered online with select in-person events.





Richard St. Barbe Baker was one of the foremost environmentalists of the twentieth century. In 1952, he proposed planting a "Green Front" of trees 4,000 miles long and 30 miles wide along the southern reaches of the Sahara to begin to reclaim the desert, a movement now underway called The Great Green Wall. We will hear Paul Hanley speak about, “Man of the Trees: Richard St. Barbe Baker, the First Global Conservationist.” Friday July 2 – 7:55PM – Zoom ID: 876 9398 7954, passcode: 941340



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## Outdoor Meetup For Visual Artists

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts program invites visual artists working in all media to meet outside the Community Center for a Virtual Art Share on Friday, July 16 at 7 p.m. Artists may also Zoom in if preferred.

The event is a casual, friendly forum intended for adults, no matter what their experience, and all are welcome. Artists are invited to bring one to three pieces to share and discuss. The program is free, but advance registration at [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts) is required. Art Shares are held monthly.

## Md. Taxes Due July 15

Thursday, July 15, is the deadline for Maryland state income tax returns. Customers may pick up a Maryland 2020 resident tax booklet directly inside the Greenbelt Library or obtain two copies of the booklet per sidewalk service visit. For most Maryland state tax forms and information, visit the Comptroller of Maryland website ([marylandtaxes.gov](http://marylandtaxes.gov)), or for forms only, call 410-260-7951.

## County Schools Offer Free Summer Meals

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) is operating its annual Summer Food Service Program through Wednesday, August 18. Grab and Go breakfast and lunch meal packages will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 62 schools, including Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights Elementary Schools. Students attending in-school summer programs will receive breakfast and lunch.

Visit the PGCPS website for a complete list of school and library meal sites or find a nearby meal distribution site by visiting [MDsummerMeals.org](http://MDsummerMeals.org).

## Donate Sneakers For People in Need

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is partnering with GotSneakers to send gently used sneakers to countries where the poor often go barefoot out of necessity. A donation box for sneakers can be found outside the Fellowship Center, the small building behind the church, for people to drop off sneakers at any time.

## Blood Needed

Greenbelt’s American Legion Post 136 at 6900 Greenbelt Road will host a blood drive on Monday, July 12 from 1:30 to 6 p.m. The drive is in response to a severe blood shortage that continues nationwide, according to the American Red Cross. Donors of all blood types are needed, but type O and platelet donations are most urgently needed.

Donors who give blood between July 7 and July 31 will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card and get a chance to win gas for a year. To schedule an appointment and to see when and where other nearby blood drives are scheduled, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.

## Drum for Wellness

On Saturday, July 10, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, reconnect with community and support your health with an in-person drum circle led by Katy Gaughan of Drumming for Wellness and sponsored by Heavenly Well. Drumming regularly with a group of people boosts the immune system, reduces stress, increases endorphins and helps bond with others. Best of all, it’s fun! Family friendly, all ages welcome, no experience necessary. Each circle will include basic instruction, games, rhythms and jamming. Drummers are encouraged to bring their own drum but some drums will also be provided. The drum circles will be held at an indoor/outdoor space that has shelter and plenty of open air for safe air circulation. Address will be provided upon registration. Free parking and access to rest rooms. All circles will be socially distanced. Donations encouraged but no one will be turned away. For more information, contact [katy@katygaughan.com](mailto:katy@katygaughan.com).



## CRAB Holds Forums On July 8 and 18


The Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) is hosting two online forums, moderated by Dr. Kris Marsh of the University of Maryland. The intent is to share perspectives on policing in Greenbelt in view of the Fair and Just Policing Act introduced by Mayor Colin Byrd last summer and changes mandated by the Maryland State Legislature. CRAB is not seeking a point-by-point presentation, but rather is collecting general sentiments concerning the need for change as well as comments for maintaining things as they are.

The times are Thursday, July 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. All are invited to join by Zoom connection by contacting Assistant City Manager Tim George at [Tgeorge@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:Tgeorge@greenbeltmd.gov). Individuals and groups may submit written statements to George at the same email address. There will also be a directed questionnaire available, in lieu of attending or speaking at the public meeting, at the city’s website, [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov).

All are invited to comment in the manner most suitable to them. Anyone wishing to participate who needs special assistance to do so is asked to call the city clerk during business hours at 301-474-8000 at least 72 hours before each meeting. CRAB will review the comments received and produce a report to council on its recommendations later this year.

## County Has Rent Help

Prince George’s County is offering rent relief because of Covid-19. The county’s 2021 Emergency Rental and Utilities Assistance Program (ERAP) will help eligible applicants with payment assistance for rent and utilities. Landlords may also apply on behalf of their tenants. Applications will be accepted until funds are out. To apply and for more information visit [hcd.mypgc.us](http://hcd.mypgc.us) and click “Emergency Rental Assistance Program.”



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## Greenbelt Wins Award For Virtual Rec Classes

The City of Greenbelt has been recognized this month by the Public Technology Institute for its technology and creativity during the Covid-19 pandemic. Outstanding recreation programming at Greenbelt Recreation has offered Greenbelters the op-

portunity to take over 275 classes virtually throughout the pandemic. The city's information technology department developed the framework for creating and managing connectivity from Greenbelt homes and recreation facilities.



The Public Technology Institute recognizes the City of Greenbelt for the technology and creativity used to create virtual Recreation programming. Dale Worley, left, director of the city IT Department, and Greg Varda, director of recreation, show off the award.

## Mowatt Church Gains New Pastor and Accompanist

by Ellen Noll

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church announced that Pastor Evelyn Rivera will join their church family. She will replace Pastor Fay Lundin, who is retiring. Pastor Evelyn comes with a boatload of experience and high expectations for the church and community. Her greatest hope is for Mowatt to offer God's radical and inclusive grace to all people while calling every follower of Jesus to inner holiness, missional compassion and justice rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ. All are invited to join in welcoming Pastor Evelyn on Sunday morning.

On Sunday, July 4, the church will also welcome guest accompanist Julie Ann Hawk. Well-known as a drama instructor at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Hawk will bring her many talents to Mowatt at the 9:30 a.m. service. Everyone is welcome at 40 Ridge Road in Old Greenbelt.



Evelyn Rivera is the new pastor at Mowatt MUMC, and Julie Hawk, below, is guest accompanist.



Condolences to the family and friends of Daniel Winsky, a former Greenbelt resident who died on June 22.

Congratulation to the Bozzuto Group, headquartered in Greenbelt and just named 2021's No. 2 Top Workplace among Largest Employers by the Washington Post.

The News Review extends a warm welcome to Pastor Evelyn Rivera who is joining Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, and best wishes for a happy retirement to Pastor Fay Lundin.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



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## Letters continued

### Firefly Sanctuary – An Appreciation

For an amazing experience, walk along the Stream Valley Park at night to Greenbelt's new Firefly Sanctuary. After dark it looks like the trees are covered in thousands of twinkling Christmas lights. The effect is truly magical. A huge thank you to our neighbor Mary Ann Canter and city staff for creating a sanctuary for these beautiful and important pollinators. It's incredible the difference it has made to simply not mow the edges of the field.

Jon & Anne Gardner



A timed exposure of the Firefly Sanctuary shows thousands of points of light among the trees. The newspaper printing process, unfortunately, does not show the thousands of tiny firefly lights covering the trees. Use your imagination, or better yet, go see them yourself.

### Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

Meetings July 5th - July 9th

- **Tuesday, July 6**
- **Arts Advisory Board Meeting**, 7pm, via Zoom
- **Wednesday, July 7**
- **Advisory Planning Board Meeting**, 7:30pm, via Zoom
  - Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Project Detailed Site Plan
  - Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan
- **Council Work Session with the Greenbelt Museum**, at 8:00pm, in person, Municipal Building
  - Introductions
  - Update
  - Other
- **City Manager Evaluation**, following the work session

The **Community Relations Advisory Board** will be holding a virtual forum to discuss community policing on **Thursday, July 8 from 7:00pm-8:30pm**. The Greenbelt police will be in attendance at this first meeting. This is the first of two virtual forums, the second will be held on **Sunday, July 18 from 10:00am-11:30am** without police attendance.

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov).

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

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- **Advisory Committee on Education**
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- **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee**
- **Youth Advisory Committee**



## Firefly Viewing

Come to the Greenbelt Firefly Sanctuary and watch the beautiful, mystical fireflies put on their annual show. Bring a camp chair and relax under the stars.

Saturdays, July 10th and 17th, anytime from 10 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Learn about fireflies and their habitats from a Sanctuary Committee member.

The Sanctuary is located in the Stream Valley Park. To get there, park in the St. Hugh's School parking lot, walk across Crescent Road (push the button for the pedestrian-crossing light first, for visibility). Follow the lighted path up to the Sanctuary. Or enter the path from the opposite direction, through the pedestrian tunnel under Hillside Road, which is lighted.

Water will be available and you won't be bombarded by cicadas – they'll be gone by the time these two events take place!

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, July 07, 2021, in the Library of the Municipal Building immediately following the Greenbelt Museum Work Session, to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

The purpose of this meeting will be the performance evaluation of the City Manager.

*\* The public may attend the Greenbelt Work Session prior to the closed session, and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Wednesday, July 7th, 2021.*

Bonita Anderson  
City Clerk

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WEEKLY FEE:  
R: \$74, NR: \$85  
SESSION DATES:  
June 28- August 20

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# Looming Eviction Crisis: Additional Information

by Ed Fallon

*Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).*

Upon reading the extensive article on evictions in the June 17 Greenbelt News Review, two leading local housing experts have urged that affected Greenbelt tenants be given further information. The analysis below has been provided by Community Legal Services (CLS) Staff Attorney Kayla Williams, Esq. and by Mary Hunter, director of housing counseling, and Paola Villatoro, both at the Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc.

As urged in the June 17 article, for those who receive an eviction notice, it's crucial to seek CLS legal assistance. Williams urges Greenbelt tenants to contact CLS by phone at 240-391-6370 or 240-691-6532 (Williams' extension) or by email at [info@clspgc.org](mailto:info@clspgc.org). It will be helpful to also complete the online intake form at the CLS website ([clspgc.org](http://clspgc.org)).

If a tenant doesn't show up at court, the landlord will likely win by default judgment even if there are major factual errors in their case. If the tenant hasn't contacted CLS before going to the Hyattsville court, they should ask the bailiff in the Landlord-Tenant court to bring them to the CLS office (both are on the third floor). If no CLS lawyer is available to assist, request that the judge allow a "continuance" and reschedule the hearing.

Governor Larry Hogan announced on June 15 that his Executive Order on Evictions and Foreclosure will remain in place through August 15. Tenants with new hearings can assert the Hogan-based defense through that date and tenants who already asserted the Hogan defense in court are protected through then.

But many tenants have already asserted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) moratorium defense in court because its documentation require-

ments are less burdensome than Hogan's defense. CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky has signed an extension to the eviction moratorium preventing the eviction of tenants who are unable to make rental payments. The moratorium that was scheduled to expire on June 30 is now extended through July 31. It is intended to be the final extension of the moratorium. Tenants who already had a Failure to Pay Rent (CDC-based) court hearing and got a (CDC-based) reserved judgment will not be protected under Governor Hogan's moratorium.

A wealth of up-to-date information was presented at a Forum on Renters' Resources and Rights hosted by Prince George's County Councilmember Tom Dernoga on June 22 and is available online at [facebook.com/TomDernogaD1/videos/1686648771533866](https://facebook.com/TomDernogaD1/videos/1686648771533866). When asked if a municipality can establish a moratorium or take other measures to protect tenants, even temporarily, if there is no federal or state moratorium, Williams answered affirmatively that she believed a municipality can indeed take such action, though they might be challenged in court.

It is a real concern that Hogan's extension won't protect many tenants. And many tenants may not understand the distinction between the CDC and the Hogan defenses. Several pro-tenant groups (e.g., the National Low Income Housing Coalition, [NLIHC.org](http://NLIHC.org)) are lobbying the Biden administration to extend the protection against evictions, possibly under a different strategy than the CDC moratorium.

To learn more or to join with Greenbelt renters and other residents to discuss ideas and plan strategies to support the community's vulnerable tenants, send an email to [edfallon@gmail.com](mailto:edfallon@gmail.com). To share concerns at Greenbelt's likely impending eviction moratorium, reach out to the city's elected leaders at [Council@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:Council@greenbeltmd.gov).

# Arts Center Renovations Enhance Space for Actors

by Melissa Signorini

Greenbelt Arts Center has unveiled new dressing rooms through a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. The renovations include new carpets and a fresh paint job as well as five new changing rooms for the privacy of actors. The changing rooms are a major upgrade to the facility, as in the past actors who wanted more privacy to change in and out of costumes for shows would need to use the public restrooms. This meant the possibility of running into members of the audience. Furthermore, in shows with minors, chaperones had to escort them back and forth from the restrooms for costume changes. Vice President of Programs Pamela Northrup says the new design "will make that a simpler process as well as allowing for privacy for those who prefer it."

Ample amounts of storage have been added to the space for professional and personal use. Additionally, eight makeup stations have been constructed with mirrors, lights and charging strips. Costume racks and shelves have been placed for extra costume and accessory storage. "We definitely feel that this new space will allow for easier prep for actors for shows," said Northrup.



PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT ARTS CENTER

Greenbelt Arts Center has new dressing rooms.

## Greenbelt Wildlife

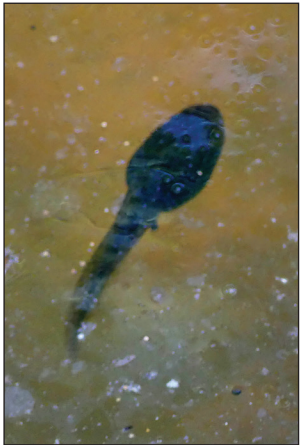


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This polliwog is just beginning to get legs.



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Green frog with teeth-like markings



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94 Ridge Road; Greenbelt, MD 20770  
or [outstandingcitizengb@gmail.com](mailto:outstandingcitizengb@gmail.com)

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed), which explains why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments during period of service, the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the City, and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material is useful to the Committee but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later. The form and any additional information must be received no later than the **August 2nd** deadline.

Nominated by:

Name(s) (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!



PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

During the month of June, Greenbelt has started flying a Pride flag under the Greenbelt flag. Greenbelt's flag is half-staff in honor of Daniel Winsky, a former Greenbelt resident who died on June 22.



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communications” but included journalism classes as well as hands-on video and radio editing. Palau recalled, “We spliced reel-to-reel tape. In one exercise you had to splice every other word!” This education gave her a deep understanding of how to edit onto videotape, which was hard to explain to others who lacked similar experience.

Many Palaus have attended the University of Maryland since Palau’s aunt led the way. Palau’s son Jason Koebler, who studied journalism, is now editor-in-chief of Motherboard for VICE Media. Her son Jordan is an engineer with Clark Engineering. Daughter Taylor is still at UM in business administration.

Palau’s career began in the Motion Picture/Broadcasting Department at the Library of Congress, where she spent three years. She mixed the sound for live chamber music concerts, and worked to convert radio shows, recorded on large acetate disks, into more stable archival formats. She also worked five years in cataloguing before coming to work in Greenbelt in 1989.

“I was hired to produce the government access channel,” Palau said. “What I really wanted to do was make TV shows. I was just still trying to break into radio, television and film. I started right after Labor Day. My first job was to edit all that videotape from the Festival. It was a challenge to edit with two jury-rigged video controllers that were not very precise.”

One highlight of Palau’s career was the 2013 Partners in Preservation social media contest, which won \$75,000 for the renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre lobby, while Celia Craze was the director of planning for the City of Greenbelt. “I got obnoxious on Facebook, and the Greenbelters went for it, and we came in third. I’m really competitive because of my sports background,” Palau laughed. Because

of her job’s flexible hours, Palau was able to coach soccer, T-ball, softball, baseball and rugby for her children’s teams.

Palau created an award-winning game show with four different rounds, so that elementary school students from Greenbelt, Springhill Lake, Magnolia and St. Hugh’s could learn more about municipal government. Palau also went out to the schools to videotape the students giving their book reports and ran a video camp that produced commercials, talk shows or news shows based on campers’ own ideas. “Some of the interns I’ve worked with, they’ve gone on to work in real production jobs,” Palau said with pride.

She was responsible for overseeing the cable franchise agreements for the city. The original cable provider, Storer, promised an institutional network that would tie all city buildings together, which they did not accomplish. Because of that contract, later providers were obligated to build the communications network that links the entire city. Palau called this “a huge accomplishment that brought us more into the present times, and now our communications costs are so much less than if we had to build it ourselves.”

Palau plans to continue to work with technology and social media, perhaps to help out small municipalities that don’t have much of a web presence. She said, “Over the years the methods of communicating with people have become so diverse.” Under Palau’s leadership, the City of Greenbelt now reaches citizens through Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest, Instagram and NextDoor. “New technology always excites me. I love software and new things. I just love to stay up to date and learn new programs. I’ll figure out how to do things because it’s a challenge,” Palau enthused.

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planned community. The Resettlement Administration, a New Deal government agency created in 1935, was headed by Rexford Tugwell, who dreamed of building entirely new communities on the outskirts of metropolitan areas encircled by belts of green space. Utilizing this vision, based upon the garden city concept, Greenbelt was carefully designed, planned and built. The design included the unusual feature in which the homes’ service side activities such as trash collection, mail delivery and drying of laundry faced parking areas, garages and the street while the garden side or main entrance faced the interior area. This arrangement provided easy access to the interior shared green spaces with interior walking paths that meander through the courts and under roads, connecting homes to parks, playgrounds and the town center. These homes were to be built primarily of brick or cinder block and carefully sited to capture the sunlight and view of the landscapes.

World War II brought a critical shortage of housing for military personnel and civilian defense related workers. According to Oetken, “The federal government decided to build 1,000 new homes in Greenbelt with construction beginning in 1941.” Oetken explained to the News Review that when the government purchased the land for the planned community, it bought around 12,000 acres, reaching to Branchville near College Park and Good Luck Road. This left a large parcel of open land surrounding the planned garden community with infrastructure in place, making it a prime location for the building of military housing. The first houses were built near Southway and Ridge Road, “with the first occupant, Edward Fowler, moving in during December 1941,” said Oetken. The bulk of the houses for military and defense personnel were built in the North End,



Families move into the new housing on the upper end of Plateau Place. At the time, there was no landscaping or grass and no walkways connecting the area to the other parts of the city.

- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Museum



Here at the same location 80 years later: my, how things have changed.

which is bounded by Northway, Research Road, Laurel Hill Road and Plateau Place. The houses were finished and occupied by January 1943. Oetken reported that the units each cost around \$3,000 to purchase.

Although the government’s aim was to maintain the original look and design of the planned garden homes, they ended up

being quite different. While the original design of row houses on courts or cul-de-sacs was maintained, the houses were built quickly and were considered low budget, functional, simple homes originally thought to be temporary. “Most likely they were built as permanent structures

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City Notes

Preparing for the July 4 festivities, Code Enforcement staff attended fireworks familiarization training. Public Works pruned and mowed viewing areas and spruced up floating platforms for fireworks.

Sustainability/Environmental, with the Pollinator Committee, promoted and provided native plants at the Farmers Market. Refuse/Recycling collected 30.11 tons of refuse and 12.17 tons of recyclables. Public Works helped Recreation erect a tent at Springhill Lake Recreation Center for summer youth programs and lunches.

The Animal Shelter hosts three dogs, four cats, nine kittens and a rabbit.

Summer recreation, swim team practices and summer camps are underway, with Therapeutic Recreation providing inclusion counseling to accommodate summer campers.

Arts increased capacity for open studio use and initiated limited on-site pottery classes. The Museum now offers free, small, pre-registered walking tours.

Park rangers led a nature scavenger hunt for Creative Kids Campers and hosted a Juneteenth walk honoring African Americans’ contributions in building Greenbelt Lake and the city.

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# Greenbelter Co-Designs Fallen Journalists’ Memorial

by Peter May

Five people at Annapolis Capital Gazette were murdered three years ago on June 28. Journalism has been years under attack by the former senior-most leader of the world’s democracies. Capitalism has bought the bones of the local newspaper with a business model of squeeze the profit out for the shareholders.

Politicians should fear the newspapers and the keeping of rigorous, journalistic truth and integrity in a proper democracy, not the other way around. Local journalism will die if it is not supported. Local journalism is key to, and a bulwark for, democracy.

So were the themes at Monday’s memorial unveiling for the Guardians of the First Amendment memorial in downtown Annapolis. On a baking row of chairs in the 90-degree heat of Compromise Street at noon, the truth was told like the breath of fresh air that was inexplicably blowing in from the northeast across the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay.

Carl Snowdon, chair of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, worked with committee members’ and fallen family members’ bold idea to memorialize the fallen loved ones, friends, colleagues, journalist brothers and sisters ... the Guardians of the First Amendment. A white woman asked why the MLK Committee would be driving the effort when “none of those murdered were black?” Dr. King, Jr.’s remarks are a poignant rejoinder and almost premeditatively en-

graved on the memorial plaque as a small and subtle reminder below the numerous project organizers, supporters and donors... so as not to upstage the massive stone engraving of the words of the First Amendment central to the memorial? Dr. King’s words are:

“Somewhere I read of the freedom of assembly, Somewhere I read of the freedom of speech, Somewhere I read of the freedom of press...”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.  
April 3, 1968

This week memorialized a moment long in the making and sadly seen before internationally. My amazing wife, new Greenbelter Kelly Fleming, co-

designed the memorial and managed the installation, so I saw the significance of the project’s stress and importance of the project symbolically beyond Annapolis. Today, fallen family, colleagues, friends, fellow journalists, writers and politicians, including David Simon of the University of Maryland Diamondback newspaper, Baltimore Sunpapers and HBO movie, The Wire; Laura Lippman, also formerly a journalist of the Sun and former colleague of the Diamondback; Sun and Capitol Gazette Sports reporter John McNamara, found a common voice. Support local journalism and the mantra and journalistic credo of speaking truth to power was their cry. Our democracy depends upon it.



A bee, on milkweed, is seen in Boxwood Village.

## Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Armed Carjacking

June 23, 4:03 p.m., Edmonston Road at Breezewood Terrace. A man in his vehicle was approached by two men who took the car at gunpoint. It is a black 2016 Honda Accord with Maryland tags 326468T.

### Shots Fired

June 19, 10:55 p.m., 6200 Breezewood Drive. Officers responded to a report of shots fired. No shooter or person with injuries was located.

### Handgun

June 17, 2:19 p.m., 7200 Hanover Drive. A stolen handgun was recovered at the Holiday Inn.

### Controlled Substance

June 23, 12:36 p.m., 7500 Greenbelt Road. A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

### Theft

June 21, 2:38 p.m., 6006 Springhill Drive. A package from Amazon left outside a residence was taken.

June 22, 4:11 p.m. 5995 Springhill Drive. A package delivered by U.S. Mail that was outside a residence was taken.

### Burglary

June 21, 10:11 p.m., 6500 block Springcrest Drive. A 65-inch Vizio television and a 2011 Audi A8 with Maryland tags 9CS8977 were stolen from the same location.

June 22, 3:45 a.m., 28 Crescent Road. A residence was entered, the occupant assaulted and his Ford Edge with Maryland tags TO92786 was taken.

June 23, 6:54 p.m., 6500 Springcrest Drive. A 39-year-old man was arrested for burglary. Charges are pending.

### Vandalism

June 17, 11:45 a.m., 11 Crescent Road. Stickers were left on the front and rear doors of the Library.

June 21, 2:01 p.m., 7662 Mandan Road. Playground equipment was vandalized.

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to be sold off so the government could recoup some of the cost to build them,” Oetken explained during the presentation. These houses were built of wood frame on masonry, the trash closets were built into the building and the overhang over the door was supported by tubular supports. They consisted of two-story homes as well as one-story flats intended for single people.

At one point, the area was nicknamed the Mud Belt because of the absence of landscaping. With no grass and shrubbery, the yards were muddy messes. The garden sides were not excavated and landscaped, leading outside to unusable spaces. There were no interior walkways and underpasses connecting the area to the rest of Greenbelt and no playgrounds or parks. The service side led out to concrete and parking lots. The main roads did not have sidewalks, a hazardous condition for children playing

or walking to school and for adults walking to the town center for shopping. The homes were managed by two different agencies: the Federal Works Agency managed the defense homes, while the original community was managed by the Farm Security Agency.

During his June 17 presentation, Oetken discussed school overcrowding at the Center School due to the large number of children in Greenbelt with the addition of the defense homes. At one point, first and second grade North End children attended school at 53 Court Ridge Road, where some living spaces had been converted into classrooms. Eventually, a new school was built called the North End Elementary School, located on the site where Greenbelt Elementary is now located. Oetken reported, “Originally the government had planned to build a commercial district in the North

End, which never materialized.” At the time, most women did not have cars available to them and had to walk to the Co-op to get their groceries. “A small North End store was set up in 3 Court Laurel Hill Road, using units E, F, G and H, functioning mostly as a convenience store, which offered some relief for the residents of this area,” Oetken told the News Review. “The North End, because of its physical separation and defined area, developed into a distinctive neighborhood, but due to the cooperative nature of the planned community and the shared experience of World War II, the residents came together by way of Victory Gardens, bake sales and food drives to overcome this separation,” said Oetken. Eventually both areas, the planned garden community and the military housing sections, were sold together in 1952 to the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Cooperative (renamed GHI

at a later time) and the town of Greenbelt was formed. Oetken told the News Review that these changes “forced Greenbelt to become a real town by responding to its residents’ needs and making improvements over time, to where this area is fully connected and flourishing.”

Today, the North End, part of GHI, includes well-preserved homes, some with beautiful and interesting additions. There are interior sidewalks, underpasses, playgrounds and picnic areas sprinkled throughout. Gardens and yards are well tended with beautiful plantings and foliage.

Beginning in July, Oetken will host walking tours of this area sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum. He can accommodate groups of up to 10 people and the tour lasts approximately 90 minutes to two hours. For more information on the June 17 lecture or to book a walking tour, go to [greenbeltmuseum.org/exhibitsevents](http://greenbeltmuseum.org/exhibitsevents).

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# Sports

## Barracudas Dive into Meets

by Johanna Moore

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team is back in action after being off for the first summer since 1957 due to the pandemic. Leading the team are Head Coach Cora Jackson and Assistant Coaches Alexander Swisdak, Alexandra Nickel, Dinah Cohen and Dora-Marie Groelsema. Something interesting about the coaches is that they are all also active members of the team. Although practices started in early June, the competitive meets kicked off Saturday, June 26, with the first meet versus the Russet Sharks from Laurel. The meet was neck and neck from beginning to end with Greenbelt coming out on top with a final score of Greenbelt, 284 and Russet, 271.

Of specific significance was Mia Moore breaking the 32-year-old 10-and-under 25-meter breaststroke Prince Mont Swim League record set by Lauren Briscoe in 1989. The record was 17.99 and Moore's time was 17.83. This was also a Greenbelt team record and Russet pool record.

Greenbelt has gained new swimmers this season with the merging of Severn Crossing Swim Team. The merger with Severn Crossing has been great for the team since swimmers

are able to split their practices between two pools with morning and afternoon practices. Additionally, the team has gained many talented swimmers, making it overall more competitive.

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team is a member of the Prince Mont Swim League and has upcoming meets on Saturday, July 10 at Prince George's Swimming Pool in Mt. Rainier and Saturday, July 17 at Smallwood Village in Waldorf. There will also be Divisionals at Prince George's Pool on Saturday, July 24 and an All Star Meet on Saturday, July 31. For more information, visit the team website at [greenbeltswimteam.com](http://greenbeltswimteam.com).

The joy on the kids' faces made it clear how glad they were to participate in an event that they hadn't been able to in so long. There was lots of cheering each other on and the meet ended with a nail-biting girls 200-meter freestyle relay. Swimmers were heard commenting on how much time they dropped and how good it was to be back together with their friends. Parents couldn't believe how much the kids had grown since the team last competed in the summer of 2019. Everyone could agree that it was great to be back.



Mia Moore celebrates her #1 Finish in the 25 meter breaststroke.



Swimmers, Mia Johnson and Athalia Groelsema practice their dives during warm ups.

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Reagan Wayne waits for her turn to swim.



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# Greenbelt Artists Featured In Virtual Open Studio Tours

by Letty Wilson Bonnell

*Part 1 of 2*

While making art during the pandemic isolation has been difficult, Greenbelt artists have used that time to experiment and to find new creative directions, as evidenced in the recent Open Studio Tour sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation ARTS Program. The following excerpts reflect moments from the studio tours; to link to the full videos, Instagram livestreams, artist websites and online exhibition of works by these artists, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/recreation-parks/greenbelt-virtual-open-studio-tour](https://greenbeltmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/recreation-parks/greenbelt-virtual-open-studio-tour). It is evident that through close examination of the natural world, introspection, experimentation and finding new uses for old materials, our Greenbelt artists have creatively weathered the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Rachel Ann Cross**

According to Cross, “Home is where the heart is for sure, but it’s also been where the office is, where nature is, where communicating through a screen has been and also dreaming of what life will be like when we are able to see each other again and able to travel . . . .” She goes on to explain in her studio tour that the works in her new series are like dreams, combining subconscious thought mixed with real life experiences – the dream/Home. Each mini-mosaic story comes together in a meditative process as she fits together her repurposed found materials. “It’s like you’re creating the puzzle and solving the puzzle.” (Cross is a Greenbelt artist in residence and instructor.)

**Barbara Joann Combs**

For Combs, what helped her to focus is cleaning and organizing, so as she began to do this in her studio this past year, she realized that she had many prepared canvases from cancelled painting workshops, as well as a lot of scrap acrylic paint. She decided to use these materials to explore applying the paint using different tools: a large comb, a palette knife and old plastic loyalty or gift cards. In her Elements series, she scrapes and combs paint into discs of color, layered with splatters, into vibrant, textured abstract compositions. “My inspiration for the pieces I have [created] - was Covid!” (Combs is a community artist and educator.)

**Racquel Keller**

Keller began her recent Landscapes of Memory series during the pandemic as a way to revisit in her mind places she had been and really think about the essence of each place. She often works in acrylics, but found that for these paintings, she liked using watercolor, which can be much more ethereal and ephemeral than acrylic, “similar to the way a memory becomes the farther you get away from it.” She depicts scenes she has actually observed, always from memory and never using photographs, because “it’s like getting to travel again.” (Keller is a Greenbelt artist in residence and instructor.)

**Amanda Demos Larsen**

Familiar to many Greenbelters as the Recreation Department’s arts education specialist, Larsen



**Gerbera Orange by Monica Lathan, 2020**



**Branches by Daria Parsa, 2020**

- Photos courtesy the artists



**Roosevelt Center by Carrie Hannigan, 2021**

is also an accomplished figurative painter, concentrating on large portraits and self-portraits in oil. She describes her style as like “staged dramatic scenes,” where some small, often mundane, moment of everyday life is captured. This past year, though, when it has been hard to make art, she has concentrated on working on a smaller scale, observing that “I get better when I am working on a small scale, no strings attached, experimentally.” For her current project, she has made beautifully detailed preliminary sketches of cicadas, to be transformed into a series of silkscreens portraying this otherworldly creature. (Larsen is Greenbelt Recreation arts education specialist and instructor.)

**Monica Lathan-Dye**

Lathan-Dye presents her recent Blooming Beauty Abstract Collection in her open studio tour, which includes vibrantly colored graphic images of different flowers she has encountered on her neighborhood walks during the pandemic. “I like to think of each creation as a portrait of a flower.” She describes “Gerbera Orange” for instance, as “nature’s firework, popping with shades of orange, blue and violet.” (Lathan-Dye is a community artist.)

**Carrie Hannigan**

When recently asked to “put something” in the display case

just outside the Community Center office, Hannigan filled the space with a paper-cut diorama of Greenbelt’s Roosevelt Center – complete with falling acrylic rain drops and trees filled with imagined pink cherry blossoms. As an artist, Hannigan works in a variety of media, but paper art is a particular favorite. “The trees... were my favorite part because it was just so therapeutic to sit... and just cut out all of the beautiful lacey shapes.” She has just finished a new diorama in the same display case – which, hopefully, can be seen in person soon! (Hannigan is a Greenbelt Recreation administrative assistant.)

**Daria Parsa**

Parsa is yet another artist who works for the Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program. She uses mainly oil paint or charcoal, inspired by her connection to the natural world. Forced into quarantine by the pandemic, Parsa began taking many walks, discovering patterns and objects in nature that inspired her series of abstract paintings. “From rotting wood and twisting branches to clay beaches and rocks, these abstractions focus on small details that often go overlooked, highlighting the complexity and intrigue of nature.” (Parsa is a Greenbelt Recreation arts program assistant.)

## CAMP continued from page 1

music, dance and even circus activities. There is also an online option for families who wish to participate in camp entirely from the comfort of their residences.

Cherry said the camp has been carefully planning the re-opening of Creative Kids Camp all year, mentioning that campers are split into four groups that do not interact with other groups for the duration of camp. He added that many of the staff members were campers first and have come up through the program. Camp manager Izzy Springer says, “I have been with the camp since I was

a small child and came back as an intern when I was 15.” Now 22, she says she has worked at the camp every summer since. “It’s just such a great community of people and I’ve met some of my closest friends through this,” she added.

For more information on Creative Kids Camp and other Greenbelt day camps, call 301-397-2208 or 301-397-2200. Registration forms for camp sessions can be found under Summer Camps 2021 on the city website, [greenbeltmd.gov](https://greenbeltmd.gov).



**Creative Kids Camp camper Arthur Melin demonstrates his balancing skills.**

- Photos by Melissa Signorini



**Members of the oldest Creative Kids Camp camper group, the Rocketeers, follow Camp Counselor Findley Holland.**



**Busy bee in blooming rhododendron**

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